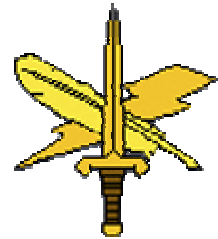




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TWO FORT RILEY SOLDIERS TO RECEIVE PURPLE HEART

Two Fort Riley Soldiers from 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery will be awarded Purple Hearts during a 9:30 a.m. ceremony, Aug. 29 outside of the battalion's headquarters.

Maj. Stephen Harris and Spc. Nathaniel Bennett will be presented the medal for injuries they sustained during the unit's deployment in Iraq. The battalion returned to Fort Riley in January after a year-long deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Media interested in attending the award presentation must R.S.V.P. to the Public Affairs Office by calling (785) 239-2222 and asking for the Public Affairs on-call representative by 8:30 a.m. Aug. 29. Media should report to the Public Affairs Office by 9 a.m. Aug. 29.